

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line 19 as follows.

--Fig. 6 is a schematic diagram showing an image forming apparatus using an electrophotographic method as a prior art. A multicolor image forming apparatus using an intermediate transfer method is shown in ~~Fig. G~~ Fig. 6. In the drawing, a photosensitive drum 101 as an image bearing member is uniformly charged with a charging roller 102, and scanning a scanning beam 104 with an exposure optical system 103 forms a latent image. A toner image is formed to the latent image upon development with a developing device 105, having a developing roller 105a facing the photosensitive drum 101, attached to a rotary member 122, and is primarily transferred onto an intermediate transfer belt 109 as an intermediate transfer body from a primary transfer roller 110, which is charged by a power source 119, at a primary transfer nipping portion N1. The primary transfer remaining toner remaining on the surface of the photosensitive drum 101 after the primary transfer is removed by a photosensitive drum cleaner 117 having an elastic blade, and is contained in a waste toner container, not shown.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 4, line 15 as follows.

--In a prior art, a bias in which an alternative current voltage is convoluted to a direct current voltage is used as the bias applying to the remaining toner charging roller 131 from a power source 137. This bias is excellent in ability for uniformly charging toners in comparison with the direct current bias, so that the respective charging amounts

possessed by the respective toner particles can be made substantially uniform, and so that the apparatus can obtain adequate cleaning capability.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 5, line 11 as follows.

--To solve this problem, a method has been devised in which the secondary transfer remaining toner is charged at a plus polarity prior to charging operation by means of the remaining toner charging roller 131 in use of an auxiliary charging member 140 to which a direct current voltage from a power source 141 not causing any scattering only applies. This renders the toner having a low charging amount which otherwise maybe scattered near the contact N3 of the remaining toner charging roller, so applied with an adequate charging amount in advance as not to be scattered, so that toner scattering hardly occurs. It is to be noted that opposing electrodes 132, 135 coupled to the ground level are formed on back surfaces of the remaining toner charging roller 131 and the auxiliary charging member 140 via the intermediate transfer belt 109 to raise charging efficiency.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 10, line 12 as follows.

--The intermediate transfer belt 9 serving as a second image bearing member is suspended with a secondary transfer opposing roller 12, a drive roller 15, and a tension roller ~~15~~ 16, and is driven to rotate in a direction shown with an arrow at a speed substantially the same as the photosensitive drum 1. A transfer bias voltage (200 V to 700 V) is applied to a primary transfer roller 10 from a power source 19. Primary transfer remaining toner remaining on the surface of the photosensitive drum 1 after the primary

transfer is removed by a photosensitive drum cleaner 17 having an elastic blade and is contained in a waste toner container, not shown.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 11, line 1 as follows.

--Where the full color image or the monochrome image is thus formed on the intermediate transfer belt 9, a secondary transfer roller 11 comes, at a secondary transfer nipping portion N2 as a second transfer portion, in contact with a back surface of the transfer material to be conveyed along a sheet conveying path 18, and the image is secondarily transferred at once to the transfer material with a supplied bias voltage (+1 kV) having a plus polarity. remaining on the intermediate transfer belt after the secondary transfer is removed by an intermediate transfer body cleaning mechanism as described below. The transfer material P carrying not yet fixed toner images of four colors on the surface thereof upon the secondary transfer, is conveyed to a fixing device 21, and image formation is completed upon fixing the toner image on the surface.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 13, line 25 as follows.

--To the contrary, as the remaining toner charging roller 31, used is ~~member~~ a member in which an elastic layer having a thickness of 3 mm made of a rubber member having a volume resistivity of  $10^9 \Omega\text{cm}$  is formed on the periphery of a core metal having a diameter of 6 mm. The surface hardness is 35 degrees as not more than 45 degrees by the measurement according to the JIS-A method and 66 degrees by the MDI hardness. During the intermediate transfer belt cleaning operation, the remaining toner

charging roller contacts to the source of the intermediate transfer belt 9 with total pressure of 900g, and is applied from a power source 37 with a bias in which a direct current voltage of +1kV is convoluted with an alternative current voltage of a sine wave having a frequency of 2 kHz and an amplitude of 2 kV.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 14, line 9 as follows.

--It is to be noted that although arranged on a side of the toner image bearing member surface of the intermediate transfer belt 9, the remaining toner charging roller 31 and the auxiliary charging roller 40 have a ~~mechanism~~ mechanism for isolating the contact so as not to disturb the image on the intermediate transfer belt 9 prior to the secondary transfer and are isolated from the intermediate transfer belt 9 prior to the secondary transfer. Opposing electrodes 32, 35 are arranged at the back surface of the intermediate transfer belt 9 opposing the remaining toner charging roller 31 and the auxiliary charging roller 40, to raise the charging efficiency. The length of the opposing electrodes is arbitrary, and it is favorable to use a longer one than that of the respective charging rollers.--